



Civilian Police Advisory Commission DRAFT Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Time: 6 pm

Location: Conducted by Hybrid Participation -Arlington Community Center and via Zoom

Present: Melissa Jacobo (MJ), Sanjay Newton (SN), Kathy Rogers (KR), Susan Ryan-Vollmar (SRV), Erica Richmond (ER), and Kari Sasportas (KS).

Absent: Zach Dumay and Jen Hernandez

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm.

Town liaisons: Colleen Leger and Teresa Marzilli

1. Remote Participation Statement and Guidelines - presented by SRV
2. Land Acknowledgement - presented by SRV
3. Review and approval of March 2024 Minutes
 - a. motion to approve passed unanimously
4. Update from Chair
 - a. SRV shared that the commission's annual report in both English and Spanish was submitted to the Town Meeting. Thank you to KR for writing it and to MJ for translating it into Spanish.
5. Working Group updates
 - a. Infrastructure and Information
 - i. No updates at this time.
 - b. Commissioner Training and Development
 - i. MJ and KS advise that the Commission begin with training about open meeting protocols and ethics. Mr. Michael Cunningham, the town's legal counsel, could attend the May Commission meeting to train us on those topics.

- c. Data Collection and Reporting
 - i. SN shared that he and ZD will be looking back at Study Commission work to see what information the APD currently collects. They will look into how the most recent state laws about police transparency will impact what data is collected.
 - ii. Committee suggested that this working group be sure to look at patterns with the school resource officer, what is the racial breakdown for how often he/she is called?
- d. Community Reporting
 - i. KR and ER will be approaching the Police Department to learn more about the current feedback system. They will also be reaching out to the Human Rights, Rainbow, and Disability Commissions to learn what kind of feedback about APD they have heard
- 6. Discussion of Working Groups
 - a. Each working group will continue their work.
- 7. Public Comment
 - a. None
- 8. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned in a unanimous motion at 6:47 pm.
 - b. Next meeting May 22nd at 6 pm

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